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The proposed microsoft settlement is a farce. Microsoft has railroaded the DoJ to the point where MS will actually BENEFIT from their punishment. Explictly omitted are non-profit organizations. Microsoft's biggest fear, Open Source software, is already at enough of a disadvantage. This settlement widens the gap.

In the meantime, all the companies that have gone down the toilet, all the venture capital, all the jobs, all the ideas and technologies will not come back. They are lost to technology, and as long as MS is running the DoJ, they will remain so.

If this is the best settlement the DoJ can arrange, then the anti-trust division should cease to exist as a whole. We're better off without the beurocracy, the bullshit, and the inability to actually acheive a goal. If I didn't have some faith left, I'd swear that Bill Gates ran the DoJ, the courts, and the White House. This "settlement" is all about the USA, the PEOPLE, being forced to settle for whatever MS decides, yet again. The people who accepted this deal should be embarrassed, humiliated, and most importantly FIRED for the pathetic excuse for justice they have enforced.

The United States of Microsoft.

How wonderful.

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